

**Perth & District Hillwalking Club**  
**Monthly Bulletin June 2018**

**July 2018 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

This is a **combined coach** outing to Glen Coe, leaving Perth at **07.00**. Two Challenging walks are planned, with a choice of one or two Munros. The Moderate walk starts at Auch Glen and follows sections of the West Highland Way, and a Moderate/Easy route also follows the West Highland Way. All walks finish at Glencoe Ski Centre. **Bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June please.**

**Spread the Word – new members wanted!**

Our Club posters are already on display at various locations in Perth including outdoor clothing shops, Live Active venues and Community Campuses.

**Can you help** to advertise the Club by displaying a poster on your noticeboard at work, college or local community? If so, please contact Susan ([susan\\_duguid@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susan_duguid@yahoo.co.uk)) or any committee member and we will supply you with the goods!

**September Weekend Meet**

14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Ullapool. Please book directly with **Ullapool SYHA** and let Margaret Band know, so that she can arrange with the hostel to group us together.

**Tick awareness**

It's always worthwhile reminding ourselves of preventative measures, and how to deal with any ticks you find on your skin.

Check out this link on **Mountaineering Scotland**, under Safety and Skills / Health and Hygiene <https://www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/health-and-hygiene/ticks>

**Vacancies on Committee**

We have 3 vacancies on the committee, so if you would like to participate in running the Club, please contact any committee member.

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**Weekend Meet Report 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Ratagan Hostel**

There were 10 members at the May weekend in Kintail staying at the Ratagan SYHA. In total 11 Munros, one Corbett and several Grahams were completed. Three members travelled up earlier in the week with a father and son covering six new Munros and one member completing some long walks including one to the one of the most remote Grahams in Scotland. With fine weather on the Saturday a group of four completed an impressive six Munros! - the brothers and sisters ridge on the north side of Glen Shiel. One member took his mountain bike for a spin round Loch Affric, a bit of a drive to get there though!

Saturday was a lovely day with great views all round and the hills looking impressive with patches of snow adding to the picture. Sunday wasn't so great with misty tops, light rain and tired legs.

The hostel was, as ever, well equipped and although full communal areas coped well. It was a shame more folk didn't join us for a great weekend in a lovely area.

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### **Combined Coach Report - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 (Long Day)**

The total booking number for this outing was 26, but after two cancellations the coach set off with 24 on board, including three guests.

The morning was very mild, although we had heavy rain as we approached Glasgow. It was dry and very cloudy when we reached Ardrossan, and the misty and cloudy conditions persisted on Arran at higher levels until late afternoon, but at least we finished the walks in lovely sunny weather.

We decided to run Challenging Plus and Less Challenging walks, due to lower numbers and lack of leaders. Poor visibility meant difficult route finding on some parts of all three walks, so the small Challenging Plus group did the same walk as the Less Challenging group and also assisted with route finding.

We had 11 in the Moderate Group, and also a small group of 2 took the ferry to Holy Island (one of the small group joined us at Brodick for the day). As usual the local buses run to suit ferry times, and the three main groups all walked from Sannox, starting at 11.30.

All groups completed their walks in good time, with the Moderate group reaching Brodick at 17.30, after walking along the coast as the final part of their day. The combined Challenging groups reached Cladach between 17.50 and 18.15, in time for refreshments before the bus for Brodick arrived at 18.50. A great day out on Arran as usual, with improving weather as the day progressed. All members and guests made good use of the Calmac catering facilities, where the food served is of a much higher standard than a few years ago.

Our numbers were lower than the last visit to Arran, but our total walk bookings for this year to date are still above budget.

George Smart            7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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